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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONFIGURING NETWORK DEVICES
WITH SUBNETWORKS IN AN ATM ENVIRONMENT AND RETRIEVING
PERMANENT VIRTUAL CHANNEL (PVC) CONFIGURATION INFORMATION
FROM NETWORK DEVICES

Mail Stop Patent Application

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REMARKS ACCOMPANYING FILING OF CONTINUATION APPLICATION

Sir:

These remarks are filed in conjunction with the filing of a continuation
application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

REMARKS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/010,811, which will issue as U.S. Patent No. 6,714,972 on March 30, 2004, which was a divisional patent application of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/996,118, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,700,890.

Claims 1-5 of the present application recite limitations substantially identical to the limitations recited in Claims 1-3, 5 and 7 of the parent application U.S. Patent Application No. 10/010,811, except that the elements of Claims 1-5 of the present application are recited in means-plus-function format.

Claims 6-14 of the present application recite limitations substantially identical to the limitations recited in Claims 69, 70 and 72-78 of the grandparent application U.S. Patent Application No. 08/996,118, except that the elements of Claims 6-14 of the present application are recited apparatus form.

Claims 15-23 of the present application recite limitations substantially identical to the limitations recited in Claims 69, 70 and 72-78 of the grandparent application U.S. Patent Application No. 08/996,118, except that the elements of Claims 15-23 of the present application are recited in means-plus-function format.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and the issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully

requested. If there are any additional charges, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if the Examiner believes that such contact would be helpful in furthering the prosecution of this application.

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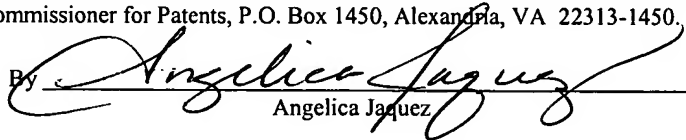
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